

On the other hand the local specimen shows only one similarity with *M. validum* in having 4 teeth on the outer margin of the scaphocerite, a character which Holthuis considers as specific. However, considering the similarity of the local specimen with *M. semilaeve* given above and in the light of comments made by Mahadevan *et al.* (op. cit.) the present specimen is tentatively referred as *M. semilaeve*. This is thus the first record of this species from the west coast of India and second from Indo-Pacific region.

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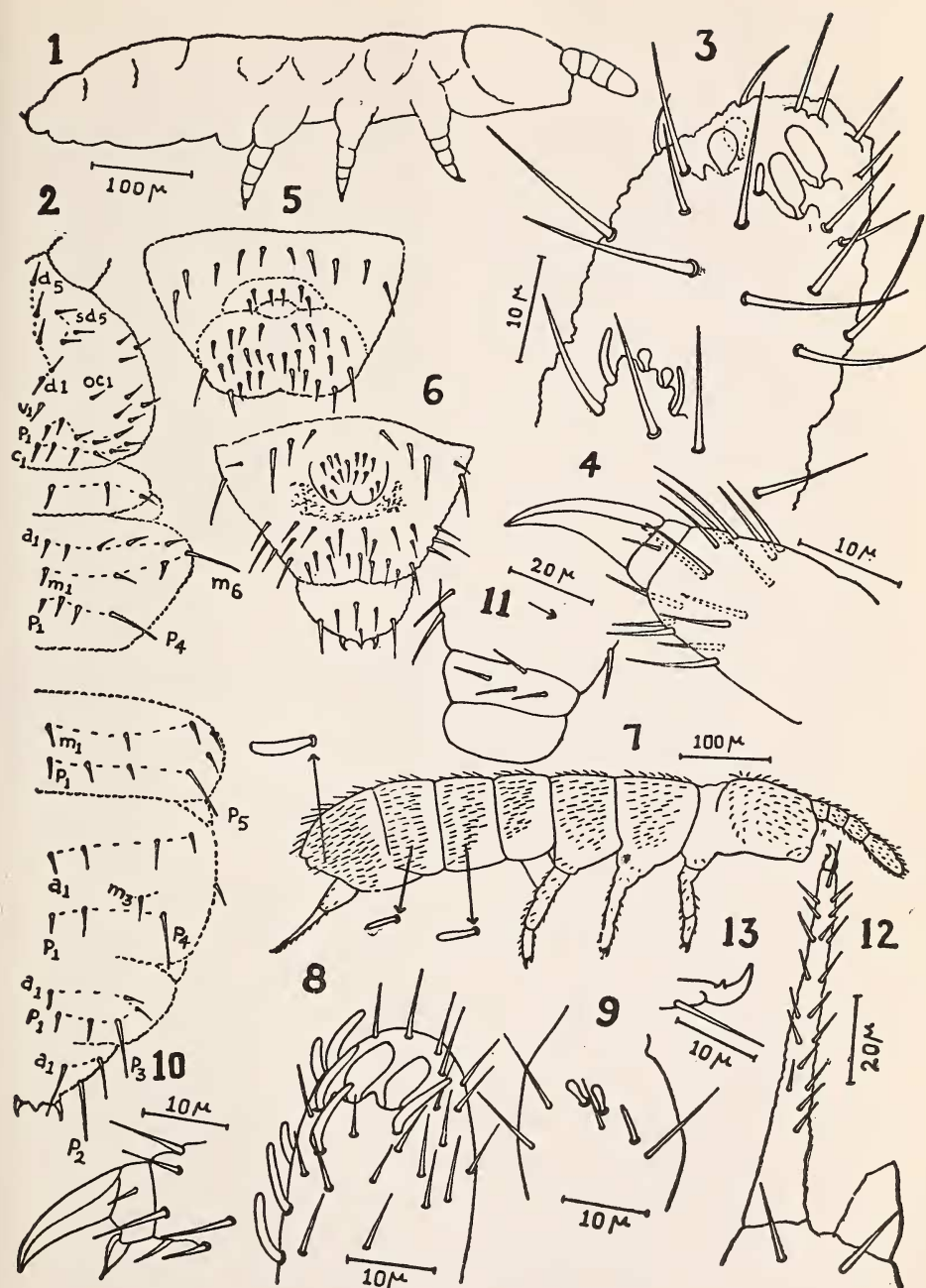
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13. TWO NEW RECORDS OF SOIL COLLEMBOLA FROM SOUTH INDIA

(With thirteen figures in a plate)

About sixty species of soil and litter inhabiting Collembola have been reported by Prabhoo (1971 a, b) particularly from the western ghats in Kerala. These reports contain the majority of the widely distributed collembolan species of Kerala. The two species reported here seem to have a comparatively restricted range of distribution and further they show certain morphological features distinguishing them from conspecific populations described from other parts of the world.

Acherontiella bougisi Cassagnau and Delamare Deboutteville 1955 (Figs. 1-6)



Figs. 1-6. *Acherontiella bougisi* Cassagnau and Delamare Deboutteville.
1. Habitus. 2. Dorsal chaetotaxy of the right half. 3. Ant. III-IV. 4. Hind tibiotarsus and foot. 5. Female genital field. 6. Male genital field.

Figs. 7-13. *Folsomina onychiurina* Denis. 7. Habitus. 8. Ant. IV. 9. Ant. III sense organ. 10. Hind foot. 11. Ventral tube in profile. 12. Ventral side of furcula. 13. Mucro.

